

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In communications filed on 3/28/2008, applicant has amended claims 1, 11, and 26. The following claims 1-3, 7-19, 26-30, 32, 33, 36, and 38-40 are presented for examination.

1.1 Applicant's remarks pages 8-9 filed on 3/28/2008 with respect to the 112th rejection first paragraph of claims 1-3, 7-19, 26-30, 32, 33, 36, and 38-40, have been fully considered and they are persuasive. The 112th rejection has been withdrawn.

1.2 Applicant's remarks pages 9-17 filed on 3/28/2008 with respect to the prior art rejection of the claims have been fully considered and they are persuasive as amended.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Denis Maloney on June 23, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amend claim 40, line 1 "Them article" should be replaced by --The article--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-3, 7-19, 26-30, 32, 33, 36, and 38-40 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL COLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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